GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:272
ANSWERED ON:20.12.2004
LACK OF STORAGE CAPACITY FOR FOODGRAINS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a lack of storage capacity for the foodgrains in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken to create more storage capacity in the rural areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b) & (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b) & (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.272 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 20.12.2004 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) & (b): Construction of rural godowns has been taken up by Government since 2001-2002 under the Gramin Bhandaran Yojana. Under this scheme, 3731 godowns with a total capacity of 91.91 lakh tonnes has been created upto 31.3.2004. The State-wise position is at Annexure-I.

In addition, storage capacity is available with the Food Corporation of India (FCI), the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and the State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs). The State-wise details are at Annexures II-IV.

(c): To further augment the storage capacity, the Ministry of Agriculture has set a target of creation of 140 lakh tonnes of storage capacity in the rural areas under the `Gramin Bhandaran Yojana` scheme during the Xth Five Year Plan. Besides, FCI & CWC propose to construct godowns of 4.35 lakh tonnes and 9.37 lakh tonnes respectively in the Xth Five Year Plan.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.272 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 20.12.2004 IN THE LOK SABHA.

State-wise position of construction under Rural godown Scheme (New Construction)

(From 2001-02 to 2003-04)

Capacity in Tonnes

STATE	NUMBER OF GODOWNS	CAPACITY
Andhra Pradesh	502	2139810
Arunchal Pradesh	0	0
Assam	22	45179
Bihar	158	17150
Chattisgarh	116	541448
Gujarat	189	132033
Haryana	165	1081506
Himachal Pradesh	30	3000
Jammu & Kashmir	02	2050
Jharkhand	0	0
Karnataka	598	478530
Kerala	28	11237

Madhya Pradesh	427	525725
Maharashtra	375	560821
Manipur	0	0
Meghalaya	28	10683
Mizoram	0	0
Nagaland	01	1000
Orissa	65	241893
Punjab	226	2533064
Rajasthan	32	17856
Sikkim	0	0
Tripura	0	0
Tamil Nadu	32	31647
Uttar Pradesh	122	657874
Uttranchal	20	12950
West Bengal	592	144658
Lakshadweep	0	0
NAFED	0	0
CCF	0	0
UTs	1	1000
Total	3731	9191114

ANNEXURE-II

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DETAILS OF COVERED STORAGE CAPACITY OWNED BY FCI AND HIRED FROM PRIVATE PARTIES

(As on 1.10.2004)

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

Name of the State	Covered Godowns	Hired from Owned private parties
Bihar	3.66	0.53
Jharkhand	0.68	0.23
Orissa	2.93	0.15
West Bengal	8.64	1.05
Sikkim	0.10	
Assam	1.99	0.46
Arunachal Pradesh	0.18	
Meghalaya	0.14	
Mizoram	0.17	
Tripura	0.19	
Manipur	0.18	
Nagaland	0.17	
Delhi	3.36	
Haryana	7.63	2.23
Himachal Pradesh	0.13	
Jammu & Kashmir	0.83	0.02
Punjab	21.84	8.14
Chandigarh	0.40	
Rajasthan	7.07	0.21
Uttar Pradesh	14.83	0.33
Uttranchal	0.66	0.07
Andhra Pradesh	12.58	0.30
Kerala	5.25	
Karnataka	3.53	
Tamil Nadu	5.84	
Pondicherry	0.42	
Gujarat	4.90	
Maharashtra	11.77	0.63

Goa	0.15	
Madhya Pradesh	3.37	0.68
Chhattisgarh	4.99	0.10
Grand Total	128.58	15.13

(All India)

ANNEXURE-III

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STORAGE CAPACITY OF CENTRAL WAREHOUSING CORPORATION (CWC) As on 1-10-2004

(Figures in lakh MT)

STATE/UT	COVERED CAPACITY	
	OWNED	HIRED
Andhra Pradesh	11.71	0.63
Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00
Assam	0.64	0.02
Bihar	0.85	0.07
Chandigarh	0.10	0.01
Chhattisgarh	1.88	0.14
Delhi	1.08	0.23
Goa	0.27	0.00
Gujarat	2.73	0.86
Haryana	3.67	0.92
Himachal Pradesh	0.07	0.00
Jammu & Kashmir	0.00	0.00
Jharkhand	0.34	0.00
Karnataka	2.39	0.99
Kerala	1.19	0.00
Madhya Pradesh	4.60	1.49
Maharashtra	5.13	1.52
Manipur	0.00	0.00
Meghalya	0.00	0.00
Mizoram	0.00	0.00
Nagaland	0.13	0.00
Orissa	1.79	0.02
Pondicherry	0.07	0.04
Punjab	5.66	1.34
Rajasthan	2.25	0.76
Sikkim	0.00	0.00
Tamilnadu	5.43	0.29
Tripura	0.24	0.00
Uttar Pradesh	9.81	0.48
Uttaranchal	0.64	0.11
West Bengal	3.56	1.25
Total	66.23	11.17

ANNEXURE-IV

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STORAGE CAPACITY OF STATE WAREHOUSING CORPORATIONS (SWCs) As on 1-10-2004

(Figures in lakh MT)

STATE/UT	COVERED CAPACITY	
	OWNED	Hired
Andhra Pradesh	4.84	17.85
Assam	2.00	0.61
Bihar	1.06	1.17
Chhattisgarh	29.11	9.00
Gujarat	1.29	0.52
Haryana	8.79	4.70
Karnataka	4.08	2.28
Kerala	1.74	0.16
Madhya Pradesh	9.39	2.22
Maharashtra	10.90	0.64
Meghalya	0.11	0.00
Orissa	3.96	0.11
Punjab	24.20	28.37
Rajasthan	6.66	0.34
Tamilnadu	6.00	0.27
Uttar Pradesh	24.25	3.91
West Bengal	1.37	1.13
Total	139.75	73.28